



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Welcome to the Legislative Update for January 13, 2017

This email newsletter is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

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### 53<sup>rd</sup> Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

The session began on Monday and the Governor gave the State of the State address.

You can watch the **Arizona State of the State 2017** at:

<http://azgovernor.gov/news/2017/01/watch-arizona-state-state-address>.

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**Leadership in the House of Representatives:** Speaker of the House J.D. Mesnard, House Majority Leader John Allen, House Majority Whip Kelly Townsend; House Minority Leader Rebecca Rios, House Assistant Minority Leader Randy Friese, and House Minority Whip Charlene Fernandez.

**Leadership in the Senate:** Senate President Steve Yarbrough, Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Yee, Senate Majority Whip Gail Griffin, President pro tempore Debbie Lesko; Senate Minority Leader Katie Hobbs, Senate Assistant Minority Leader Steve Farley, and Senate Minority Co-Whips Martin Quezada and Lupe Contreras.

Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature's website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

**Senate Deadlines:** <http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/senatedeadlines.pdf>

**House Deadlines:** <http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/housedeadlines.pdf>

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## Fiscal News

Today, the **FY 2018 Executive Budget** was released.

Governor's Budget page: <http://azgovernor.gov/budget>

### Executive Budget Summary:

<http://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/governor/documents/executivebudget-summary.pdf>

(See page 7 for General Fund Spending Breakdown that lists recommended funding by agency with amount. Recommendations include kinship caregiving stipend, adult protective services, developmental disabilities caseload, funding related to Prop 206 and AHCCCS emergency dental services.)

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According to *Arizona Capitol Times*, as of today, **Day 5**, there are **418 bills posted, 22 Memorials or Resolutions** and **one passed**.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. We've just started tracking legislation; to view that list, click [HERE](#).

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It **does** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Note: the web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills being tracked by the Council and is available and updated on an ongoing basis *24 hours a day, 7 days a week*. Be sure to click on the bill number for more information. This list will continue to be edited and updated as we have an opportunity to get through the bills throughout the session. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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Check out the new look of the *Arizona State Legislature* website: [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

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## The Governor's "2016: Year In Review"

<http://azgovernor.gov/annualreport>

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If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson** and **in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 ( outside Maricopa County only)** or
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

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We'll report on **federal legislation** in the next full issue. In the meantime, check active legislation on the Senate website [HERE](#) .

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## Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

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## NEWS& RESOURCES

### Kaiser Health News

Aging topics: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

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National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. The **National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2016 Update** is available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/national-plan-address-alzheimers-disease-2016-update>

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Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

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From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disability/NASUAD**

*Friday Updates, January 13, 2017*

### **NASUAD Submits Comments on CMS HCBS Request for Information**

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Request for Information (RFI) regarding the Federal Government Interventions to Ensure the Provision of Timely and Quality Home and Community Based Services. The response to this RFI addresses each of the discrete questions posed by CMS.

[Click here](#) to view the comments.

[Click here](#) to view more information about the RFI.

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## INFORMATION& RESOURCES:

### **AARP Quarterly Networking Breakfast, Tuesday, January 17**

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Beatitudes Campus, Luther Life Center, 1610 W. Glendale Avenue,  
Phoenix, Arizona 85021

**Must RSVP at:** <https://aarp.cvent.com/AZNetworkBreakfast011717>

Other dates:

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Banner Sun Health Research Institute Caregiver Education**

***Communication: Avoiding Arguments***

**Monday, January 30, 2017, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Banner Sun Health Research Institute**

Registration is required; **please call 623-832-3248**

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**Arizona Rural and Public Health Policy Forum**

**January 25, 2017, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix**

More information [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Fire Services Institute and Vitalyst Health Foundation – *Mobile Integrated Healthcare 360 Arizona: How Fire-Based and Private Sector Community Paramedicine Programs are Shifting the EMS Paradigm***

**February 2-3, 2017, Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix**

List of speakers, agenda and registration information [HERE](#)

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***Mark your calendar:***

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Healthy Communities Conference**

**March 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ**

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**Arizona's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017**  
Phoenix Airport Marriott

Early Bird registration [HERE](#)

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From the **Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities**

The Healthy Communities Institute [HERE](#)

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**Maricopa County**

**EVCOA - 1st Wednesday 11:30 - 1PM** [EVCOA.org](http://EVCOA.org)

Legacy Retirement Residence of Mesa

5625 E McKellips Rd Mesa 85215

**WVCOA - 2nd Thursday 9:30 - 11AM** [WVCOA.org](http://WVCOA.org)

Glencroft Senior Living

8641 N 67th Ave Glendale 85302

**NVCOA - 3rd Thursday 9:30 - 11AM** [NVCOA.org](http://NVCOA.org)

Desert Flower Senior Living

9185 E Desert Cove Scottsdale 85260

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**In case you missed it last time...**

From **Kaiser Health News**

January 4, 2017

[\*\*Kaiser Health News: New Nursing Home Rules Offer Residents More Control Of Their Care\*\*](#)

December 21, 2016

## [Kaiser Health News: Aging And Addicted: The Opioid Epidemic Affects Older Adults, Too](#)

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### **NCOA**

#### **Redesigned BenefitsCheckUp® Tool**

The free web-based tool helps older adults and caregivers screen over 2,000 public and private benefits in their area. The redesign includes the ability to search for specific types of benefits. According to NCOA, the tool has helped has more than 5 million people find more than \$16 billion in benefits.

[Click here](#) to view the tool.

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### **Ongoing Resources**

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news

**Newsroom:** <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

**#AZAWESOME Shareables:** <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

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### **AHCCS News & Updates:**

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

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**Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Attorney General's Senior Resources** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Department of Health Services**

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

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Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

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**State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)** – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

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If you're interested - it is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* every other week during the session. If you wish to share our tracking list, here is the link to the web report:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25801&listid=61524&print=true>

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

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You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov). Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

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**Have a very good holiday weekend!**

**~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**

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**VIEW UPDATE**



**VIEW GACA WEBSITE**

If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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